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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2005. Claims 1, 10, 11, 25-29 are pending in this application. With this amendment, claims 1, 10 and 11 are amended. Claims 25-29 are unchanged. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 10, 11 and 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, related to the "seemingly unclear logic" of claim 1 in steps (e), (f) and (g) and the other independent claims having the same series of steps. The claims have been amended in a manner discussed in the phone interview of February 23, 2005. Specifically, Applicants have amended step (g) in claim 1 to include the limitation "and the predetermined number of user profiles is selectively relaxed". A similar change was made to the other independent claims. Support for this amendment is found in the first paragraph on page 76 of the specification as filed. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment overcomes the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

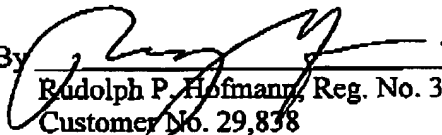
Claims 1, 10, 11 and 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bergh in view of Sumita. With this amendment, the claims have been amended such that two variables are relaxed for repetition of the filtering and determining steps set forth in the claim. Neither Bergh nor Sumita teach or suggest this feature. Because this feature is missing from the references separately, it cannot appear in any proposed combination of the references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are patentably distinguishable from the prior art of record.

Applicants submit that all pending claims are now allowable and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (612) 607-7340.

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Should any additional fees be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any such fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Reference 60021-302901).

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